

# TREES PLANTED DURING VANA MAHOTSAVA WEEKS DURING THE YEARS 1956 TO 1960.

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Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of trees planted during the Vana Mahotsava Weeks during the years 1956 to 1960 (each year separately) ;

(b) the number of trees so planted that have survived so far ;

(c) what action is being taken for the care of these trees and for preventing their being damaged by man or animal ;

(d) whether they will take action to prevent the indiscriminate cutting down of trees which is taking place in public and in private lands all over the State ;

(e) whether they will consider planting more fruit trees along with other trees so as to increase the production of fruits in due course?

A.—Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA (Minister for Forests).—

(a) The number of seedlings planted is as under :

1956—36,71,382.

1957—42,07,116.

1958—50,36,671.

1959—58,49,168.

1960—43,65,000 (incomplete).

(b) Information not available.

(c) In respect of plants in Government lands the staff of the respective Departments takes necessary precautions. In respect of private lands the owners who participated in the celebrations are expected to take necessary precaution.

(d) There can be no indiscriminate cutting down of trees in Government forests. In private forests also the law provides for regulation of exploitation of forests which avoids indiscriminate fellings. This law is however not applicable for the present within the old Mysore territory. The new Forest Bill which will apply to the entire State provides for regulation and exploitation of private forests.

(e) Yes, to the extent possible.

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